

REMARKS

Claims 75-133 are still pending in the patent application.

The 35 USC §101 Rejection

Claim 75 is rejected under 35 USC §101.

Claim 75 is amended to recite a method comprising: receiving an active ticket in a mobile terminal for use by a mobile terminal user; and in response to a control signal, dynamically changing a ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal based on one or more states in a life cycle of the ticket, where the ticket characteristic includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 75, as amended, recites statutory subject matter under 35 USC §101 because it recites steps that transform an article to a different state. For example, first the mobile terminal receives an active ticket for use by a mobile terminal user; then, in response to a control signal, a ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal is dynamically changed based on one or more states in a life cycle of the active ticket, where the ticket characteristic includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector. In effect. In particular, in a first ticket life cycle the active ticket may be received as a prevalid ticket having one ticket characteristic, and later upgraded from

the prevalid ticket to as a valid ticket having a different ticket characteristic in response to the control signal. See the flowchart in Figure 6 of the patent application. Subsequently, in another ticket life cycle, e.g., when the active ticket is presented to, and verified by, a ticket inspector, then the active ticket may be disabled. It is respectfully submitted that these active ticket transformations, and corresponding dynamic changes to the ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal based on the one or more states in the life cycle of the active ticket, clearly transform the mobile terminal itself to one or more different states.

#### The 35 USC §112 Rejection

Claim 75 is rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite.

Consistent with that discussed above, claim 75 is amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that the ticket characteristic includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector. It is respectfully submitted that the scope of the invention is not intended to be limited to any particular type or kind of ticket characteristic that may be provided by the mobile terminal and subsequently verified, e.g., by a ticket inspector. The scope of the invention is intended to include ticket characteristic that take the form of audio, or visual or some combination thereof. Moreover, the scope of the invention is intended to include visual characteristics like text, animation, video, still pictures, or some

combination thereof. Claim 75, as amended, now recites what is intended to be meant by the limitation "ticket characteristic."

Claims 85 and 86 are amended in view of the points raised on page 3 of the office action.

### The 35 USC §103 Rejection

Claims 75-133 are rejected based on a proposed combination of Lee in view of Izumoto.

Consistent with that discussed above, claim 75 is amended to recite a method comprising: receiving an active ticket in a mobile terminal for use by a mobile terminal user; and in response to a control signal, dynamically changing a ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal based on one or more states in a life cycle of the ticket, where the ticket characteristic includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector. The other independent claims are similarly amended.

The thrust of the claimed invention is to provide active ticket functionality in the mobile terminal for use by the mobile terminal user. For example, if the mobile terminal user may use this mobile terminal functionality to be permitted to enter a movie, a sports event, a play, a museum, a concert, or any other event or activity where the presentation and verification of a ticket is typically the manner in which one is permitted to enter or access the event or activity.

To the extent that the outstanding rejection might be applied to the main independent claims, as amended, it is respectfully traversed because the proposed combination does not teach or suggest a technique for receiving an active ticket in a mobile terminal for use by a mobile terminal user; and in response to a control signal, dynamically changing a ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal based on one or more states in a life cycle of the active ticket, especially where the ticket characteristic includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector.

In contrast, both Lee (paragraph 39) and Izumoto disclose techniques for issuing an IC card (see Lee, element 13 (Figure 1)) containing ticket information with an IC reader/recorder. Lee's user terminal 20 merely sends information to the IC card reader/recorder 40 for providing the IC card 13. In Lee, the IC card 13 is inserted into a ticket dispenser 30 and a paper ticket 14 is issued for verification by a ticket inspector. In Izumoto, the IC card itself is read and verified at a ticket gate terminal 4 (Figure 1) to determine whether the user may enter (See Izumoto, paragraph 107).

Foremost, it is respectfully submitted that neither Lee nor Izumoto teach or suggest to integrate the claimed active ticket functionality either into a mobile terminal, or subsequently provide such a ticket by the mobile terminal, for use by a mobile terminal user, especially where the ticket characteristic of the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal is dynamically changed based on one or more states in a life cycle of the ticket.

Second, the main independent claims recite that the active ticket provided by the mobile terminal has a ticket characteristic that includes multimedia changes or other presentation data, including text, sound, animation, video, still pictures, or some combination thereof, for verification by a ticket inspector. It is respectfully submitted that neither Lee's paper ticket 14 (see Figure 1) nor Izumoto's IC card is such an active ticket having such ticket characteristic that may be dynamically changed in response to a control signal, as claimed.

The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from the main independent claims, contain all the limitations thereof, and are deemed patentable for all the same reasons.

Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

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